

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Lebanon	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Isaac Meier Homestead (Myer, Myers)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
The Old Fort

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
520 South College Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Myerstown

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Lebanon CODE: 075

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Lebanon Co. Historic Preservation Trust restoration</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Borough of Myerstown

STREET AND NUMBER:
515 South College Street

CITY OR TOWN: Myerstown STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Lebanon County Court Bldg., Register of Deeds (Book 69,430-41)

STREET AND NUMBER:
8th and Oak Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Lebanon STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Plan of property to be acquired by the Borough of Myerstown, Surveyed by Leon A. Leshar, Sinking Springs, Pa.

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Myerstown Borough Office

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Isaac Meier home is a 2½ story, country manor style structure built about 1750. It is constructed of dressed limestone with two-foot thick walls. It has a three bay front with 6 over 6 sash windows and a small porch over the front door. There are two chimneys, one at each end of the gabled roof.

There is a central hallway with a stairway leading to the second floor with a hand carved railing with spindles. There are two rooms on each side of the hall and a 1½ story kitchen wing 20 feet square on the east end which has a 12 foot fireplace six feet high. This wing dates from before the main house and has a large loft above. Two rooms on the west side of the house had fireplaces on both the first and second floors.

Upstairs there were five bedrooms with two attic rooms above on the east end. It has been suggested that these two rooms were quarters for the household slaves. The stairway and strap hinges on the inside of the doors are the most outstanding features of the interior.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca. 1750

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Historic home-</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>stead and Old Indian</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>fort.</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Isaac Meier house is significant as one of the first homes in Myerstown and as the home of the founder of the town. The land upon which the community lies was purchased by Caspar Wistar, the brass button maker of Philadelphia, from Thomas Penn, Esq. in 1735. Valentine Herglerode bought 249 acres from Wistar and built a house which served as an Indian fort and as the home of Isaac Meier. Herglerode's house was probably the small, 20 feet square east wing of the present Meier home. Isaac Meier bought the 249 acres from Herglerode and an additional 250 acres in 1757-58 and began selling lots and laying out a town. By 1768, "Tulpehockentown" became Myerstown.

Besides being the founder of Myerstown, Isaac Meier was magistrate of the area and also Overseer of the Poor. He gave the land for the first school house in the Myerstown area. The career of Isaac Meier ended abruptly when he was shot and killed in a Myerstown tavern in 1770 at the age of 40. Meier was buried in a well-marked grave in the Old Tulpehocken Reformed Graveyard near Myerstown.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Croll, P.C. Ancient and Historic Landmarks in the Lebanon Valley. Philadelphia: Lutheran Publication Society, 1895, pp. 158-160.
 Croll, P.C. "Quaint and Historic Markers and Inscriptions of Lebanon County," Lebanon County Historical Society Publications, vol. 3, no. 11, p. 338.
 Weirick, Charles D. "Lebanon City and County in Brief Sketches," Lebanon County Historical Society Publications, vol. 10, no. 6, p. 226.
 Mohn, Viola K. ed. Myerstown Bicentennial History, 1768-1968, pp. 36-46.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	0		40°	22'	10"
NE	0	0		76°	18'	20"
SE	0	0				
SW	0	0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .25

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks
 ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE: July, 1971
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 Box 1026
 CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name S.K. Stein
 State Liaison Officer

Title Executive Director, Pa. Historical and Museum Comm.

Date 6/30/71

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

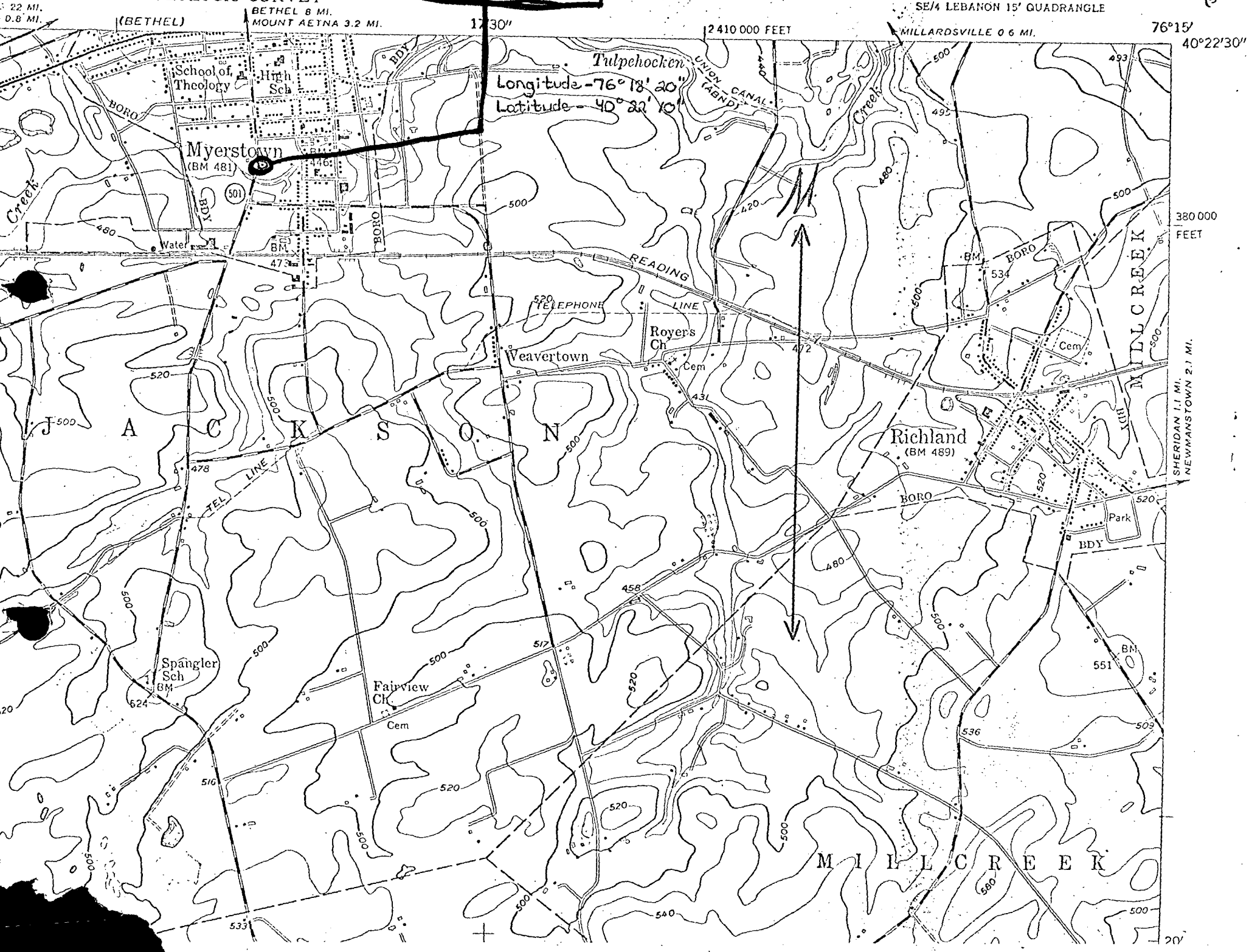
 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Issac Meier Home

1730"
Tulpehocken
Longitude -76° 18' 20"
Latitude -40° 22' 10"



22 MI.
0.8 MI.

BETHEL 8 MI.
MOUNT AETNA 3.2 MI.

2410 000 FEET

MILLARDSVILLE 0.6 MI.

76°15'
40°22'30"

380 000
FEET

SHERIDAN 1.1 MI.
NEWMANSTOWN 2.1 MI.

20'